



Surname of the week: "Scott"

Alternate Spellings: SCOT, SCOTTE, SCOTTEN, SCHOTT, SCOTH, SCUTT, SCOTUS

Meaning: Gaelic Irishmen

Clan motto: "Amo" (I love).

War-cry: 'a Bellendaine! ("To Bellendaine!") -or- "The Scotts are out!"



Scott is derived from the Old English pre 7th century word Scotti, or the Latin Scottus, meaning Irishman, specifically a Gael. The originator crossed the Irish Sea as early as the fourth century from Ireland to Scotland's western seaboard in Argyll in what became known as Dalriada. They were in league with the more northern Picts, harassing the Roman provinces of Britain. It was the Romans who actually gave these Irish raiders their distinctive tribal name. The latin word "scotti" and described them with the Gaelic word "sgath" - (meaning to cut or to carve) and may also have arisen from these early warriors habit of cutting and tattooing their bodies with blue woad dyes.

The Scottan, or scotti, or Scott was then to be applied as a surname to any Scotsmen who had left their own country and wandered into England (at one time Scott was a more common surname in northern England than in Scotland!) If, as some historians argue, the family had

taken its name from the race of Irish Scots, then it follows that all branches of the modern family or clan are not necessarily descended from the same ancestor, since a name that is descriptive of origin may well have been adopted by more than one group independently. Of all the clans of Scotland, none could be more closely identified with their nation's name than this Scott dynasty who had now taken the name of Scott.

The bibliographer and historian George Fraser Black notes in his "Surnames of Scotland" that the earliest certain record of the name was that of Uchtred Filius Scot (Uchtred, the son of a Scot) who appears as a witness to the foundation charter of Selkirk in the time of King David I, around 1120.

Michael Scott "the wizard" originated in the Tweed Valley and lived in Fife where he gained his reputation for magic. In the last quarter of the 13th century the Scotts appear in Fife when Michael Lescot agreed to serve King Edward I of England overseas. In the 16th century author Sir John Scott would build Scotstarvit Tower near Cupar in Fife which is now a prominent landmark.



In the Ragman Roll (all nobles and landed gentry were required to sign by Edward I in 1296) there are six Scott lairds. One of these, Sir Richard le Scot of Murthoxton (now Murdostoun) in Lanarkshire may have acquired those lands by marriage - he also had estates in Selkirkshire. It is his line which became established and spread out between Ettrickdale and Liddesdale. Sir Michael Scott, 2nd Laird of Buccleuch was a staunch supporter of Robert the Bruce. The Lanarkshire estate was exchanged for Branxholm in Selkirkshire as the family became more and more established in the Borders. In the 15th century, as was common in the Borders, the Scotts quarrelled frequently with their neighbours, particularly the Kerrs. The feud caused the deaths of both chiefs and was only resolved by marriage during the chieftainship of the 10th Laird. The 13th Baron was created Lord Scott of Buccleuch by James VI and in 1619 Lord Scott was created an Earl. The male line failed and Anne, Countess of Buccleuch married the illegitimate son of King Charles II, the Duke of Monmouth. Charles created the couple Duke and Duchess of Buccleuch but the Duke supported the Protestant cause and at one stage led an unsuccessful rebellion against King Charles. The third Duke of Buccleuch married the heiress of the Duke of Queensberry (the Douglas family) and became one of the richest men in Britain. In the 19th century, Sir Walter Scott (from a junior branch, the Scotts of Harden) changed Scotland's image forever. The Duke of Buccleuch today is one of the largest landowners in Scotland and the art collections at the family's great houses of Drumlanrig, Bowhill and Boughton are internationally famous.

During the Jacobite rising of 1745 the Clan Scott supported the British Hanoverian Government. Captain John Scott who was in command of two companies of the 1st Foot (later the Royal Scots) was defeated and taken prisoner by the Jacobites during their first hostile action which later became known as the Highbridge Skirmish in August 1745. During the action Scott had lost a sergeant and up to six men killed. Scott himself was wounded but the Jacobite MacDonald of Keppoch arranged for his wound to be dressed at Cameron of Lochiel's Achnacarry Castle.

Another Captain Scott, Captain Caroline Frederick Scott of Guise's 6th Regiment, held out and defeated the Jacobites during the Siege of Fort William in March 1746. The same Captain Scott later had three Highlanders, who had surrendered to him at Fort William after the rising was over, drowned by hanging them in a salmon net in a mill flume at Lochoy.

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Scotts have made a major contribution not only to Scotland but also around the world. There are many famous individuals bearing the family name, not least of whom is the great literary genius Sir Walter Scott. Abbotsford House near Galashiels is a national monument of interest and tribute to this great writer who changed how Scots saw their country - only a few decades after the slaughter of Culloden and the banning of tartan in Scotland he masterminded the visit to Scotland of the Hanoverian King George IV to Scotland and not only had the Scottish clan chiefs pledging allegiance but had the king dressed in a tartan kilt.

Others bearing the name include Gilbert Scott the architect who designed Glasgow University and Robert Falcon Scott the Antarctic explorer and father of Sir Peter Scott the naturalist and painter.

Some other famous (and infamous “see Walker Henderson Scott”) individuals has carried the “SCOTT” Surname:

Aaron Scott (footballer) (born 1986), New Zealand international footballer
Adam Scott (golfer) (born 1980), Australian professional golfer
Adrian Gilbert Scott (1882–1963), English ecclesiastical architect
Alexander Walter Scott (1800–1883), entomologist
Alfred Angas Scott (1875–1923), British motorcycle designer, founder of the Scott Motorcycle Company
Barbara Ann Scott (1928–2012), Canadian figure-skating champion (Olympic gold-medalist) of the 1940s
Barry Scott, American disk jockey, author, record producer and voice artist
Beckie Scott (born 1974), Canadian cross-country skier
Ben Scott (born 1981), English cricketer
Bobby Scott (U.S. politician) (born 1947), American politician from Virginia
Bon Scott (1946–1980), Scottish-born Australian rock musician, original lead singer of the rock band AC/DC
Boston Scott (born 1995), American football player
Camilla Scott (born 1961), Canadian actress and television hostess

Campbell Scott (born 1961), American actor, director, producer and voice artist
Cathy Scott, true-crime author and journalist
Clara H. Scott (1841–1897), American composer, hymnwriter and publisher
Clive Scott (1945–2009), British musician and songwriter
Cyril Scott (1879–1970), English composer, writer, and poet
Dana Scott (born 1932), American mathematician
Daniel Scott (writer) (born 1963), American writer
Danielle Scott-Arruda (née Scott) (born 1972), American Olympic indoor volleyball player
Darrell Scott (born 1959), American songwriter
Devon Scott (born 1958), American actress
Doug Scott (born 1941), English mountaineer
Dred Scott (c. 1799 – 1858), American slave, subject of famous 19th-century US Supreme Court case
Duncan Campbell Scott (1862–1947), Canadian bureaucrat, poet, and writer
Édouard-Léon Scott de Martinville (1817–1879), French inventor of the phonograph, sound recording device
Eleanor Scott, British archaeologist
Elisabeth Scott (1898–1972), British architect
Emily Scott (born 1983), Australian model, disk jockey, record producer, and television personality
Ernest Scott (1867–1939), Australian historian
Eugenie Carol Scott (born 1945), American physical anthropologist
Gene Scott (1929–2005), American pastor, religious broadcaster, and teacher
Gustavus Scott (1753–1800), American lawyer and public official from Maryland
Gustavus H. Scott (1812–1882), United States Navy admiral
Guy C. Scott (1863–1909), American jurist
Hal Scott (1923–2010), American sportscaster
Hardie Scott (1907–1999), United States congressman from Pennsylvania
Hermon Hosmer Scott (1909–1975), American hi-fi engineer
Hew Scott (1791–1872), Scottish church minister and author
Hillary Scott (singer) (born 1986), American singer-songwriter best known as a member of Lady Antebellum
Hillary Scott (actress) (born 1983), American actress
Hugh Scott (1900–1994), American lawyer and United States congressman and senator from Pennsylvania
Hugh L. Scott (1853–1934), United States Army general and Chief of Staff
Ian Scott (1934–2006), Canadian politician from Ontario, Attorney-General of Ontario from 1985 to 1990
Jacqueline Scott (born 1932), American actress
Jaleel Scott (born 1995), American football player
Jamie Scott (basketball) (born 1994), American–Canadian women's player
Jill Scott (born 1972), American singer-songwriter
Jim Scott (footballer) (born 1940), Scottish footballer
Jimmy Scott (1925–2014), American jazz vocalist
JK Scott (born 1996), American football player
Jo-Vaughn Scott (born 1995), American rapper and actor known professionally as Joey Badass
Joanna Scott (born 1960), American author, professor at the University of Rochester
Josh Scott (born 1985), English footballer
Josh Scott (basketball) (born 1993), American basketball player
Kathryn Leigh Scott, American actress and writer
Kaye Scott, Australian boxer
Keith Lamont Scott, African-American man killed in 2016 in Charlotte, North Carolina
Kenneth E. Scott, American lawyer
Larry Scott (bodybuilder) (1938–2014), American bodybuilder
Lawrence Scott (born 1943), Trinidadian writer
Lee Scott (UK politician) (born 1956), British politician, Member of Parliament for Ilford North
Lefty Scott (1915–1964), American Major League Baseball pitcher
Lewis Allaire Scott (1759–1798), American politician from New York, New York Secretary of State from 1789 to 1793
Lizbeth Scott (1922–2015), born Emma Matzo, American actress
Martha Scott (1912–2003), American actress
Morrys Scott (born 1970), Welsh footballer
Olive Scott (1924–2007), English paediatric cardiologist
Percy Scott (1853–1924), British admiral and naval gunnery pioneer

Phil Scott (1900–1983), English boxer

Philippa Scott (1918–2010), British champion of wildlife conservation

Rachel Scott (1981–1999), American murder victim, the first shooting victim in the Columbine massacre

Randolph Scott (1898–1987), American actor

Raymond Scott (1908–1994), American composer, pianist, engineer, and electronic instrument inventor

Rick Scott (born 1952), American businessman and politician, Governor of Florida since 2011

Ridley Scott (born 1937), English film director and producer, brother of Tony Scott

[Robert Falcon Scott](#), British Royal Navy officer and explorer who led two expeditions to the Antarctic region

Samuel Gilbert Scott (c. 1813–1841), American daredevil

Seann William Scott (born 1976), American film actor

Selina Scott (born 1951), English television news presenter

Septimus Edwin Scott (1879–1965), English painter

Sherie Rene Scott (born 1967), American actress, singer, and writer

Stephen Scott (writer) (1948–2011), American Anabaptist writer

Stuart Scott (1965–2015), American sports journalist

T.J. Scott, actor

Tim Scott (born 1965), American politician, United States Senator from South Carolina

Tommy Scott (coach) (1907–1962), American college sports coach

Tony Scott (1944–2012), English film director and producer, brother of Ridley Scott

Trent Scott (born 1994), American football player

Walker Henderson Scott, The biological father of serial killer, Charles Milles Scott Manson (Charles Manson)

Willard Scott (born 1934), American actor, author, media personality, clown, and comedian

Winfield Scott (1786–1866), United States Army general and candidate for the presidency of the United States

Zachary Scott (1914–1965), American actor

Today, Scott is a very common surname in the United States. When the United States Census was taken in 2000, there were about 420,091 individuals with the last name "Scott," ranking it number 36 for all surnames.

So, if you are a SCOTT, Please share this article and keep the name great.

